

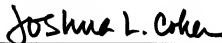
Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-5 and 7-46 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 8 are currently amended. Claims 12-43 are withdrawn.

Applicants maintain that the claimed invention is patentable over the currently cited art as discussed in the previous amendment. However, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants submit the current supplemental amendment along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to recite filaments in the form of an expanded tow.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Extension of Time

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